

Thought for the week: "Parents are the bows from which their children, as living arrows, are sent forth."
- Kahlil Gibran

Sports Day - Thursday 27th June

This year, Sports Day will be on Thursday 27th June. The organisation of the day will be similar to previous years, with children taking part in a range of athletic events such as long jump, javelin and discus, in addition to running races on the track. In the morning, from 9:30am, it will be the turn of Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 children: Acorn, and Cherry Classes, with Key Stage 2 children: Beech, Maple, Aspen and Oak competing in the afternoon, from 1:30pm.

Teachers will be making sure that children have the opportunity to practice each of the events as part of their PE lessons this term. All children should make sure they have their PE kit (including proper trainers) in school so that they can take part.

Parents are most welcome to watch their children on Sports Day - come and join us!

SEN Summer Parent/Carer Questionnaire

Thank you to those parents/carers who completed the recent SEN questionnaire. We are delighted to have received such a positive response regarding the provision that we have in place for children with SEN. We are committed to working closely with our parents/carers to identify and support all of our children.

We are aware that some parents are unclear where to find information about SEN on the school website. You will find relevant information on the website under the Statutory Information heading where there is a section titled Special Educational Needs. Please follow the link here:

<https://purwell.herts.sch.uk/statutory-information/>

Parent survey

Thank you to those parents who completed and returned the parent questionnaires that were sent out. The data will be collated and next week we will be sending you the results, along with our plans and feedback in terms of continued school improvement.

Police to carry out parking monitoring

Traffic police popped in last week to inform us of the significant number of complaints they had received from residents about some parent's parking at pick up and drop off times. Their main concerns is when parking blocks the driveways and the footpaths along Fairfield Way. They handed out some leaflets last week but have committed to retuning for ad hoc visits over the next few weeks. We urge parents to park on the larger roads around the area and make the short walk in to school.

Pupils climbing Junior gate

In assembly last week, Mr Cano reminded pupils that they should not use the junior pedestrian gate as a climbing frame. It comes in response from a parent who reported seeing a pupil climbing it after school, last week. The risk of climbing aside, the gate was not designed to take additional weight and as a result is in danger of being potentially damaged, which would prove very costly.

Sun Safety

Hopefully the summer will be putting in an appearance sometime soon, so I thought it would be useful to recap our 'safe in the sun' approach.

- There are plenty of shaded areas under the trees and by the gazebo and children are encouraged to play in the shade on hot sunny days.

- All children should have a sun hat or cap to wear when playing out. Purwell School caps can be bought from the school office. Please ensure all are NAMED clearly.
- You may wish to apply sunscreen to your child at the start of the day; however children should not bring bottles of cream into school for reapplication. There are many brands which offer long-lasting/all-day protection and a liberal application in the morning would see them through the school day.
- Children should have a bottle of water with them in school each day which should be named. However, these must have a 'sports cap' and not an open bottle neck, to prevent spillages on children's work. Bottles of water should not be frozen (although specially designed water bottles, where the centre can be frozen to keep the water chilled, are permitted).
- Children should have summer PE kit for outdoor sports every day (not long trousers).

Open Day/Evening - Wednesday 10th July

The Open Day and Open Evening for parents will be on Wednesday 10th July. Parents are invited to come into their child's class, from 2.15pm until 3.15pm, where they will be invited to join the children in fun learning activities which reflect our diverse and creative curriculum.

To accommodate the later-working parents, the school will open again at 6.00pm with refreshments in the hall, where Mr Cano will be saying a few words before introducing to the parents the teachers for September and announcing class allocations. After this, parents will be free to tour the school. There will be displays of children's work, subject information and interactive computer demonstrations, with staff and pupils available to guide and answer any questions.

Governors Update

Earlier this week we emailed parents with news that we currently have two vacancies on the Governing Body. Any parents who are considering becoming a school governor can find out more about the role by approaching Mrs Sharp in the school office. Alternatively, we have a page on our school website that can be accessed by the link below. [Purwell Primary School » Role & Responsibilities](#)

School Hall Hire

The school hall is available for private hire for birthdays and events outside the school day. Please contact the school office for further details.

Taking holidays during term time

A reminder to parents that you should not take your child on holiday in term time, as it is disruptive both to your child's education and to school. The next academic year's dates can be found on the website and are sent out at the beginning of the school term, so any parents making holiday plans please check that they fit around the school dates first before booking anything.

Parental support, workshops and events

With this newsletter you will also receive a document which details the local support agencies for parents and carers. These include workshop and events.

PSA News & Events



PSA Non Uniform Day - THIS Friday!

On Friday, we are having a non-uniform day, where pupils will be able to come to school dressed in their home clothes. In return, we are asking pupils to bring with them donations of a decorated jar, full of sweets.

PSA to run sweet tombola at the Walsworth Festival

On behalf of the school, the PSA will be running a sweet jar stall at the Walsworth Festival, on Sunday, 19th May, so we need as many sweet jar donations from parents as possible for the event. As usual, there will be lots of exciting things to see and do on the main field and at St Faith's Church.

Plant Sale, Wednesday 22nd May

We will be holding a plant sale after school (3-4pm) on Wednesday in the KS2 playground. There will be some lovely plants available and every penny raised will go towards items on the school's wish list, so please do come and support us (and brighten up your garden in the process!).

Dates for your diary:

- June, date tbc - Cake sale
- Saturday 6th July - Summer fair

Purwell Party Pack - Don't forget if you have a party coming up soon we our awesome party pack available to hire. It contains plates, bowls, cups, cutlery, jugs, serving plates and bunting! £5 per hire + £1 damage deposit. Email the PSA to book!

PSA communications - to keep up to date with all things PSA please join the Facebook Group and make sure you are on your class WhatsApp group. If you're new to the school and not sure who your Class Rep is please email Purwell.school.association@gmail.com and we'll help!

Next PSA meeting - Wednesday 22nd May, 8pm (Purwell Community Room)

SCHOOL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Dates for Summer term 2024

Friday 17th May	Non-uniform day
Wednesday 22 nd May	PSA Plant and Cake sale
27 th May-31 st May	Half-term
Thursday 27th June	Sports Day
Friday 28 th June	School closed for Inset Day
Saturday 6 th July	PSA Summer Fair
Wednesday 10 th July	Open day and evening
Thursday 11 th July	Meet the teacher morning for pupils - (transition day for Year 6)
Friday 19 th July	Last day of term (2pm finish)

Academic Year 2024/25

Autumn Term 2024

Monday 2 nd September	School closed for INSET day
Tuesday 3 rd September	Children return to school
28 th Oct- 1 st November	Half-term
Monday 4 th November	School Closed for INSET day
Friday 6 th December	School closed for occasional day
Friday 20 th December	Last day of term